Civil Rights Commission clarifies gay rights agenda

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See, it is about special rights.

Three short days — 72 hours. That's all it took for Rabbi Steven Foster, former co-chairman of EPOColorado (primary opponents of Amendment 2), to convince the Civil Rights Commission to unanimously propose a protected class status for homosexuals to Gov. Roy Romer, former honorary co-chairman of EPOColorado.

This same Rabbi Foster, who was recently reappointed to the Civil Rights Commission for his third term by Romer, stood atop the Capitol steps last week shouting to an assembled crowd of celebrants: "This is no time to extend the arm of friendship. This is still a war, and it has not been won!"

What would protected class status for homosexuals mean? Any employer or landlord could be declared a criminal for choosing not to hire or house a homosexual on the basis of their personal beliefs. Any employee who was fired or not promoted could claim discrimination by asserting they are bisexual. Who could prove they were not?

Aspen's "gay rights" ordinance forces churches to rent their space to homosexuals if they do so for any outside group. Under Telluride's ordinance, basing business or rental decisions on a personal disapproval of homosexuality can earn you up to a year in jail. Never mind that the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees us the right to choose the people with whom we associate. Never mind that being able to select those with whom we share our time and our lives is one of the most basic and intimate freedoms a citizen can claim. Yet, for the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and the forces of homosexual extremism, no basic right seems too dear to destroy in the pursuit of their "politically correct" outcome. Does this remind you of the Supreme Court's logic on Amendment 2?

IN 1986, WE UPHELD GEORGIA'S ANTI-SODOMY LAW, THEREBY MAKING HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT CRIMINAL.
IN 1996, WE STRIKE DOWN COLORADO'S LAW THAT PROHIBITED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR HOMOSEXUALS. ANY CRIMINAL MAY NOW SEEK PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN COLORADO.
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A statewide "gay rights" law would certainly mean that homosexuality would have to be taught as an alternative lifestyle in our schools. Pro-homosexual propaganda of all types would become common place in public schools. Romer would be able to expand his guest lecturing to fifth graders, extolling the virtues of homosexuality. Parents opposing such indoctrination would face the same legal hindrances as if they were opposing ethnic minorities. The homosexual agenda to indoctrinate children would gain an incredible boost.

Since the beginning of Amendment 2 discussions, pro-homosexual advocates have repeatedly claimed they did not want affirmative action or protected class status. Many Coloradans believed these statements. There may be a few who still hold to those claims. However, for the rest of us, in the words of sports announcers: "We have kissed those claims goodbye and they ain't comin' back!"

Thankfully, such a statewide bill would have to make it through the Colorado Legislature. If you are a Colorado resident, please contact your state legislators immediately to tell them how you feel about this oppressive proposal. Amendment 2 was unconstitutionally struck down along with our voting rights but it was the right thing to do.

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C	News (CC) 7661	Ent. Tonight (CC) 1241	Movie: ★★★ Backdraft (1991, Drama) Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro. Chicago firefighters work overtime to stop a mad arsonist. ∩ (CC) 711244							News (CC) 9051796	(10:35) Tonight Show 10500406		(11:37) Cheers (CC) 9222425
BS	Wheel of Fortune (CC) 2357	Jeopardy! (CC) 3609	Nanny Fran's boyfriend will not let her go. (R) ∩ (CC) 6067	Dave's World The IRS visits the Barrys. (R) ∩ (CC) 2593	Murphy Brown Miller wins a Humboldt. (R) ∩ (CC) 5715	Cybill Cybill's fire for an ex reignites. (R) ∩ (CC) 4222	Chicago Hope "Leave of Absence" Accident takes a toll on the staff and causes Geiger to re-evaluate his life. (R) ∩ (CC) 65203			News 9046864	(10:35) Late Show Comic Martin Short, U.S. 500 winner Jimmy Vasser, musician Bryan Adams. ∩ (CC) 10595574		(11:37) Married... With Children Kelly gets a job. ∩ (CC) 9217593
BC	Roseanne Dan's father announces his wedding. (CC) 3767	Coach Hayden jeopardizes Dauber's romance. ∩ (CC) 4357	TV Laughs at Life (R) ∩ (CC) 27067		World Music Awards From Monte Carlo, the eighth annual ceremony honoring the world's top recording artists. Performers include Celine Dion, Hootie & the Blowfish, Michael Jackson and Seal. (Taped) ∩ (CC) 58113					News 1481628	(10:35) Seinfeld Elaine's toilet paper is wiped out. ∩ (CC) 9415203	(11:05) Nightline (CC) 4703970	(11:35) Extra ∩ (CC) 9765135
FX	Home Improvement Jill plans romantic weekend. ∩ (CC) 57777	Simpsons Lisa protests snake-bashing. ∩ (CC) 71357	Ned and Stacey Stacey's morals infect Ned. (R) ∩ (CC) 44715	Last Frontier "Pilot" Four housemates in Alaska. (CC) 60241	L.A. Firefighters "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Los Angeles firefighters confront personal and professional challenges. ∩ (CC) 70715		Land's End "Fool's Gold" Mike's cherished GTO convertible is stolen by its paroled former owners. (R) ∩ (CC) 50951			Baywatch "Race Against Time" Mitch's ex-wife announces that she is remarrying and taking custody of Hobie. ∩ (Part 1 of 2) (CC) 60338		Rush Limbaugh 34425	Real Stories of the Highway Patrol 31512
BN	Behind Scenes 7909574	Jay Sekulow 2782703	Benny Hinn 5444970		Praise the Lord 5431406					Schambach 8116135	Pensanti 8125883	Jack Van Impe 3030680	Benny Hinn 8208406
ID	Sports Talk (Live) 45116		Bonanza "Gentleman from New Orleans" 54777		Call to the Wall 13845	Adrian Rogers 25680	World Harvest Church 43661			Bob Enyart (Live Phone-In) 53048		Limbaugh 27135	Lester Sumrall 24222
LS	(5:00) Coors Field: Home at Last 40593		In the Wild ∩ (Part 1 of 3) (CC) 8724816			(8:20) In the Wild ∩ (Part 3 of 3) (CC) 69040628		(9:40) Joy of Stress ∩ (CC) 7834965			Rush L. 99695715	Colo. Inside 6732574	Think Allowed 9239715
0	Biography "Jeffrey Dahmer" 561680		Poirot Hercule must overcome seasickness so he can accompany bond shipment. 763951		Miss Marple "4:50 From Paddington" Miss Marple discovers murder. (Part 1 of 2) 789999		Law & Order Stone brings charges against a landlord in a baby's death. 769135			Biography "Jeffrey Dahmer" (R) 762222		Poirot Hercule must overcome seasickness so he can accompany bond shipment. 385357	
5	Those Daring Young Men 7357195	Movie: ★★½ The Rawhide Years (1956, Adventure) Tony Curtis. A young gambler is implicated in a riverboat murder. 49937999			Movie: ★★½ The Purple Mask (1955) Tony Curtis, Colleen Miller. A disguised French noble gains freedom for the royalists. 442116			Movie: ★★★ Those Daring Young Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies (1969, Comedy) Tony Curtis, Dudley Moore. Rivals vie in a 1,500-mile race to Monte Carlo in the 1920s. 4280375				(11:35) The Purple Mask 85659222	
3	Video Soul 457406				Comicview	Caribbean Rhythms 997883		Screen 993883	Rap City 741357				
6	Movie: ★★½ The Raggedy Rawney (1988) Bob Hoskins. A shell-shocked soldier poses as a woman to avoid capture. 800574				South Bank Show "David Mamet" (R) 801203		Movie: ★★★ Paperhouse (1988, Fantasy) Charlotte Burke. A girl's innocent drawings give life to a parallel world. 804390					Maitlands (R) 204796	
4	News (CC)	Politics (CC)	Larry King Live (CC) 312241		World Today 398661		Sports (CC)	Moneyline	NewsNight	Showbiz Today		Politics (CC)	Sports (CC)
4	Movie: ★★½ Vice Versa (1988) Judge Reinhold. 80116				Dream On	A-List (CC)	Politically Inc.	Sat. Night Live (CC) 435767		Dream On		Politically Inc.	Kids in the Hall
9	Popular Mechanics (R) 576512		Wings "Thunder From the Sea" (R) 778883		Beyond 2000 2989845	(8:35) Next Step 15204241	Wild Discovery "Return to Meerkat Valley" (R) 774067		Planet of Life (R) (Part 6 of 7) 777154			Great Fighting Machines of World War II (R) 350661	
7	Gossip 573883	Fashion File	Talk Soup (R)	News 560319	The Rock Premiere 796375		Stern 367319	Stern 533425	Talk Soup (R)	News 803796		Gossip 362864	WKRP 343999
4	(5:30) College Baseball NCAA World Series -- Teams to Be Announced. From Omaha, Neb. (Live) 216135					Baseball Tonight 685574	Sportscenter (CC) 136883		Baseball Tonight 293777	Motorcycle Racing AMA Supercross Series. 571390			IHRA Hall of Fame 788636
7	Roller Hockey International 8073680			Extreme Scene 4074067		Canoeing & Kayaking 9859970	RPM 4574067		Auto Racing IndyCar -- Miller Genuine Draft 200. 3042425				
1	Palmerstown U.S.A. 5549883		Father Murphy 9154970		Our House 9130390		Family Series 9150154		Palmerstown U.S.A. 9153241			Father Murphy 9500864	
1	Highway Hvn. (CC) 743222		Rescue 911 ∩ (CC) 384593		700 Club 393241		Three Stooges 380777		Bonanza 383864			Paid 657951	Paid 806390
9	Nautilus (R) 8758574		Roots (Part 2 of 6) 7607338				Year by Year "1952" 2596929		Nautilus (R) 9346406			Roots (R) (Part 2 of 6) 4993390	
5	Unsolved Mysteries ∩ 756796		Movie: The Disappearance of Nora (1993) Veronica Hamel. Memories of a murder haunt a female amnesia victim. 541951				Unsolved Mysteries ∩ 386951		Uns. Mysteries 982785	Late Date 687393		Nurses 660425	30something (CC) 670135
5	Beach MTV ∩ 741864		Beach House Nights ∩ 382135		Road Rules (R)	MTV UNfiltered	Singled 650048	Beavis 753609	Alternative Nation ∩ 358338				Dream 594339
5	Munsters 979425	Dream-Jeannie 960777	Odd Couple 233135	Odd Couple 959661	Odd Couple 242883	Odd Couple 221390	Odd Couple 786898	Odd Couple 586999	Dick Van Dyke 839593	Bob Newhart 848241		Munsters 736393	M.T. Moore (CC) 620932
3	Olympic Odyssey (R) 51628				Track and Field: Carnival 52357		Boxing Jorge Julio vs. Luis Rolon. (Live) 22116					Press Box	Press Box
6	(6:01) Forever Knight "Black Buddha" ∩ (Part 1 of 2) (CC) 7696609		(7:01) Movie: ★★ The Incredible Hulk Returns (1988, Fantasy) Bill Bixby, Lou Ferrigno, Steve Levitt. A stolen device may hold the cure for Banner's condition. 3908048				Twilight Zone (CC) 9805406	(9:31) Monsters 7091154	(10:01) Forever Knight "Black Buddha" (R) ∩ (Part 1 of 2) (CC) 7193951			(11:01) Movie: ★★ The Incredible Hulk Returns (1988) Bill Bixby, Lou Ferrigno. 2078154	
15	(5:36) Major League Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From Atlanta, Fulton						(8:35) America's Music: The Roots of Country The early years of					(10:35) National Geographic Explorer The sav	

Andrews had publicly rejected her nomination because her show "Victor/Victoria" was snubbed in every other category. At the beginning of the telecast, host Nathan Lane was cheered when he entered dressed as Andrews in one of her glamorous "Victor/Victoria" costumes.

"Rent," a gritty celebration of East Village artists, was named best musical, a bittersweet victory since its creator, Jonathan Larson, died in January at the age of 35.

"Master Class," Terrence McNally's look at opera superstar Maria Callas, was named best play. It was McNally's second straight best-play Tony. He won last year for "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

The winners were:

- **Play:** "Master Class" by Terrence McNally
- **Musical:** "Rent"
- **Book of a musical:** "Rent"
- **Original score:** "Rent"
- **Revival of a play:** "A Delicate Balance"
- **Revival of a musical:** "The King and I"
- **Leading actor in a play:** George Grizzard, "A Delicate Balance"
- **Leading actress in a play:** Zoe Caldwell, "Master Class"
- **Leading actor in a musical:** Nathan Lane, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"
- **Leading actress in a musical:** Donna Murphy, "The King and I"
- **Featured actor in a play:**